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1. numerous KVP motorcycle rifle-men and one light armored vehicle were entrained at Potsdam/Wildpark railroad station on 11 July.¹ 25X1
2. On 17 July, a KVP tent camp was seen near the Teufelssee Lake about 5 km south of Potsdam railroad station. Guards observed there were blue collar patches. No motor vehicles or heavy weapons were observed.²
3. On 14 July, two companies, soldiers of which wore blue service color, were seen doing drill in the billeting area of Ruinenberg Kaserne at Potsdam. Three platoons, soldiers of which wore blue collar patches, were seen practicing patrol missions in the area of the Ruinenberg hill. Four model SU-100 tanks were seen practicing driving and aiming on Bornstedter Feld. Eleven trucks each loaded with 18 men who wore blue service color left the installation. On 19 July, 6 platoons, apparently recruits, were undergoing drill and practiced aiming with rifles in the billeting area. 25X1
4. On 14 July, details of 12 men each who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen doing aiming exercises with 4 x 37-mm AA guns. One platoon with rifles and three platoons without rifles were seen doing close order drill; one squad was taking part in sports, another squad was seen doing small-bore target practice. It appeared that the renovated western wing of the installation was occupied.
5. On 15 July, eight trucks occupied by KVP soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were armed with rifles and submachine guns left the General Wever Kaserne and went toward the road to Marquardt. Details of eight men each were seen practicing aiming with 4 x 57-mm AT guns.
6. On 19 July, three prime movers each towing a 152-mm howitzer and loaded with six KVP soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets entered the Kavallerieschule Krampnitz. The prime movers were followed by truck 25X1

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[] which was loaded with ten KVP soldiers who also wore red-bordered black epaulets. 3

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7. At 2200 on 10 July, KVP soldiers were seen loading five armored scout cars, five armored personnel carriers, and three trucks on railroad cars at Brandenburg-Altstadt station. A number of empty railroad cars was also seen at the station.
8. Between 1 and 15 July, 95 recruits arrived at the former Oranienburg concentration camp.
9. On 10 July, an artillery unit was seen leaving the installation. On 11 July, an additional unit which included Major Backhaus followed. The units were scheduled to move to Kietz or another place with a similar name.
10. On 11 July, elements of the tank units with field kitchens left the installation. The units which carried their tent equipment along, moved out for a 17-day exercise to the Lehnitz wooded area.⁴
11. Recruits at the installation daily practiced firing at the target ranges in the so-called Klinkerwerke and the Lehnitzer Lehmberge hills.
12. On 13 July, several hundred KVP soldiers practiced attacks against machine gun emplacements in the training area east of Kietz between Schollene and Ferchels. At about 2330, a unit of 90 trucks, 26 AT guns, and 14 x76-mm guns [redacted] Gartensleben - Ferchels area from the direction [redacted]. Afterwards the unit was followed by 20 motorcycles with sidecars, some of which mounted machine guns. In the late evening of 14 July, about 60 trucks, 30 guns and about 500 men were observed in the Schollene area. The guns observed probably included 22 x 122-mm howitzers and 8 AT guns. 1 and 5
13. It was learned that a shipment of 40 tanks was unloaded at the Gross-Wudicke railroad station on the evening of 15 July. New imprints of tank tracks extending from the railroad station toward the training area were seen on 16 and 17 July. 6
14. Between 6 and 14 July, close order drill, sports activities and theoretical instruction on motor vehicles were continuously observed at the Premnitz KVP installation. Up to about 250 soldiers were involved in these activities. At the same time, approximately 300 men practiced firing in the Premnitz-Moegelin training area. Another detail of 70 men was being given instructions in signal communication techniques.
15. In the night of 14/15 July, about half of the unit quartered at the installation moved to a tent camp. The extent of training activities observed at the installation and in the training area decreased proportionally in the subsequent days. Soldiers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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1. Comment. It appears that the reconnaissance battalion of the division which is located at Potsdam moved to the training area east of Kietz. 25X1
2. Comment. A training area of the 2d Mecz Regt is located at Lake Teufelssee south of Potsdam. 25X1
3. Comment. 25X1
KVP soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets at this installation on 24 May. Until now, 152-mm howitzers have not yet been observed with Soviet units or KVP mechanized divisions. According to observations, guns of this type are in use only with corps artillery regiments. It is doubted that the ~~K~~artillerieschule Krampnitz, which is occupied to capacity by a Soviet division, also quarters a KVP unit.
4. Comment. See paragraph 13 of the present report. 25X1
5. Comment. It is believed that artillery and AT units of the three mechanized regiments of the division are mostly involved. Elements of these regiments had been detained at Gross-Wudicke in the night of 21/22 June. 25X1
6. Comment. The number of tanks reported indicates that they belonged to one of the tank regiments of the division. 25X1

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